



## School Library Mission: To ensure that students are effective users and producers of information and ideas

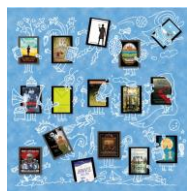
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### Upcoming Events and Celebrations

#### **DIGITAL LEARNING DAY** MARCH 13, 2015

<http://www.digitallearningday.org/> March 13, 2105 - Started in 2012, Digital Learning Day has provided a powerful venue for education leaders to highlight great teaching practice and showcase innovative teachers, leaders, and instructional technology programs that are improving student outcomes. This grassroots effort blossomed into a massive nationwide celebration as teachers realized that Digital Learning Day is not about technology, it's about learning. It's not about laying off teachers for laptops, it's about enhancing the role of the teacher in America's classrooms. Digital Learning Day promotes the effective use of modern day tools afforded to every other industry to improve the learning experience in K-12 public schools.



**Battle of the Kids Books:** The contenders have been chosen. The battle begins on March 9. For more information on this perennial favorite, visit <http://blogs.slj.com/battleofthebooks>

**APRIL is School Library Month!** School Library Month (SLM) is the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) celebration of school librarians and their programs. Every April school librarians are encouraged to create activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning.



The 2015 celebration marks the 30th anniversary of School Library Month! The first national observance kicked off with a ceremony on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol on April 1, 1985, and its theme was *Where Learning Never Ends: The School Library Media Center*. Honoring the anniversary, the 2015 theme is *Your School Library Where Learning Never Ends*. [More about the history of School Library Month.](#)

For history, printables, proclamations, etc. visit <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>



@cbartow Twitter Highlights

- RT @NoApp4Pedagogy: How Inquiry Can Enable Students to Become Modern-Day de Tocquevilles <http://ow.ly/2UuDWv> #mtdedchat #deeperlearning
- RT @kathrynhyoung: Is civics ed too controversial, or a great way to engage students in #deeperlearning? <http://ow.ly/ID5q3> #MTedchat
- Learn how to be a deeper learning school with the new #DeeperLearning Planning Guide from @drmonie <http://bit.ly/1C1mq3U>
- Great Prezi from Offline, Danny Choriki <https://prezi.com/livfmvi8mfrd/faster-smaller-connected-web-30-challenges-for-libraries/> ... #mtdedchat
- Digital Terms You Should Know [slj.com/2015/01/opinio...](http://slj.com/2015/01/opinio...) #tlchat #mtdedchat @TeacherX @MillerRT

### Your Thoughts, Please

The School Library Division of the Montana Library Association would like to ask you some questions to help determine priorities and needs for communication and professional development. Please complete this brief survey to lend your voice to a discussion of how MLA and the division can better serve your professional needs. Share the link with colleagues, please. <http://goo.gl/forms/w7UE9qfzf> Contact Niki Keuch and Dana Carmichael, MLA School Library Division Co-chairs ([niki.keuch@bsd7.org](mailto:niki.keuch@bsd7.org), [wflibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:wflibrarian@gmail.com)) with any questions you may have about the survey.

### Professional Learning Opportunities

**#MTedchat:** 8:00 p.m., every Tuesday. Live Twitter chat for, with, and moderated by Montana educators. Colleagues from across the nation join in, with connections to Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, and other neighboring states. Go to <https://sites.google.com/site/mtdedchat/> to view the archives, suggest new topics and watch the Tweets roll by.

**Montana TL Digital Media Blast Series** - Join Colet Bartow at 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a quick presentation on a variety of topics. Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/montanateacherlibrarian/home/montana-tl-digital-blast> for the schedule, recordings, slide handouts and a link to the **Montana TL Digital Media Blast Archive and Resources Course**. Sign up for a FREE course for teacher-librarians with the Montana Digital Professional Learning Network. Earn 5 OPI renewal units with the Montana TL Digital Media Blast Archive and Resources online course. Go to <http://www.mdpln.org> to sign up.

**Montana's Hidden Treasures Course:** Sign up for a FREE course for teacher-librarians with the Montana Digital Professional Learning Network. This Quick Learn Course is designed to give a brief introduction to Ebsco, HomeworkMT, EdReady, PBS Learning Media, Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources, and Success at the Core. 1 Renewal Unit available upon completion of the course. Go to <http://www.mdpln.org> to sign up

**PAO Instruction Courses:** Sign up today on the MDPLN! Watch this video to learn more about PAO Instruction! - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4jpWfxUN48>

Direct link for registration and more information about each course:

- Math: <http://www.mdpln.org/product?catalog=1423262025SbFy2>
- ELA/Literacy: <http://www.mdpln.org/product?catalog=1423262273LgvpR>
- Science: <http://www.mdpln.org/product?catalog=1423262326wZN7x>

Email Ashley McGrath ([amcgrath@mt.gov](mailto:amcgrath@mt.gov)) with questions.

**Montana Library Association Annual Conference:** April 8-11, 2015 in Bozeman. Go to <http://mtlib.org/2015Conference/default.asp> to register and view the conference schedule. Travel grants may be available. See [http://mtlib.org/Handbook/grant\\_guidelines.asp](http://mtlib.org/Handbook/grant_guidelines.asp) for grant guidelines or download an application at [http://mtlib.org/Handbook/2014\\_Grant\\_Application\\_Travel.pdf](http://mtlib.org/Handbook/2014_Grant_Application_Travel.pdf).



**Sheila Cates Scholarship** - The Montana Library Association instituted the Sheila Cates Scholarship in 1994 to provide financial support to Montana Library Association members seeking a graduate degree in library and/or information science, a graduate school library media program, or seeking a school library endorsement. The scholarship fund was established in memory of Sheila Cates, who served as Library Development Coordinator at the Montana State Library from 1985 until her death from cancer in 1993. Sheila was named Montana Library Association's Librarian of the Year in 1993. Individuals selected to receive an award from the scholarship fund must show potential for emulating Sheila Cates' contribution to Montana libraries. Cates Scholarships may be available for MLA members. [http://mtlib.org/Handbook/Cates\\_Scholarship/default.asp](http://mtlib.org/Handbook/Cates_Scholarship/default.asp)

## Book Trailers

Rethink book reports and readers advisory with easy digital tools that will spice up your Webpage, entice kids to read, and practice communication skills.

- *How to Make a Booktrailer* <http://www.booktrailersforreaders.com/How+to+Make+a+Book+Trailer>
- *Example:*
  - *Dreaming in Indian* - <http://www.annickpress.com/Dreaming-in-Indian>
  - Book Trailer: <http://youtu.be/tIL-ldptWEw>

## Connecting with Montana's Academic Libraries



"Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War, a traveling exhibition for libraries, was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The

traveling exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center."

This traveling exhibition was brought to UM by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities garnered by the Mansfield Library in collaboration with the UM's Rob Saldin, director of the Project on American Democracy and Citizenship, and UM's Tobin Miller Shearer, director of the African-American Studies Program.

Using the Constitution as the cohesive thread, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" offers a fresh and innovative perspective on Lincoln that focuses on his struggle to meet the political and constitutional challenges of the Civil War. Organized thematically, the exhibition explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the war—the secession of Southern states, slavery, and wartime civil liberties. Visitors will leave the exhibition with a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.



### Walkthrough of the "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" with curator Dr. Steve Frank

Take a walkthrough with Dr. Steve Frank, Chief Interpretive Officer at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, of the "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" traveling exhibition for libraries. <http://youtu.be/4hNVUPM5SOg>

## African-American Experience in WWI

This library guide provides information on the African-American Experience in WWI. This guide provides video, music and historic documents showing the contributions of African Americans during the war. One section is dedicated to Montana and has descriptions of some of the individuals from this state who fought or supported the war effort. Links to historic Montana newspapers provide more information.



African-American Experience in the Great War Library guide: <http://libguides.lib.umontana.edu/AAHM>

For more information about these exhibits, please contact Susanne Caro, Government Document Librarian, Mansfield Library, University of Montana, [susanne.caro@umontana.edu](mailto:susanne.caro@umontana.edu), 406-243-4548



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OPI Library Media Web page: <http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/LibMedia/index.html>

Montana Teacher-Librarian Google site: <https://sites.google.com/site/montanateacherlibrarian/home>

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## Montana Library/Media Program Description ([ARM 10.55.1801](#))

The school library media program is essential in creating independent learners who are efficient consumers and producers of information. By using a variety of information formats, focusing on the learning process and collaborating with other disciplines, school libraries provide the entire school community with opportunities to acquire the information skills they need to interact responsibly in a global society. An ongoing desire to know, a love for reading and a respect for information will transform a student into a lifelong independent learner. The role of libraries in a democratic society is to embrace the social responsibility of learning.